

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Across our country, millions of Americans are living with limb loss, and they are our family members, friends, and neighbors who make immeasurable contributions to the vitality of our communities; and,

*Whereas*, The number of amputations per day will double by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place, and appropriate access to care for people affected by limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well with limb loss; and,

*Whereas*, The Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, support, and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and,

*Whereas*, Americans lose a limb every day whether they are babies born with congenital limb difference, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease that cause limb loss, or trauma such as our brave wounded warriors who gave of themselves in defense of the freedoms we hold dear; and,

*Whereas*, We are inspired each day by the strength and resilience individuals with limb loss have and how they continue to pursue their dreams, therefore, it is appropriate to designate the month of April as Limb Loss Awareness Month:

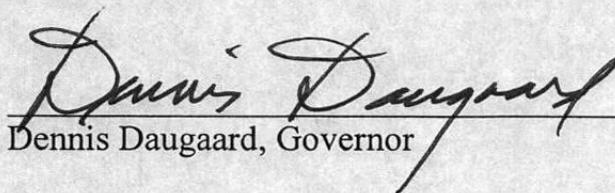
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2017, as

### **LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**

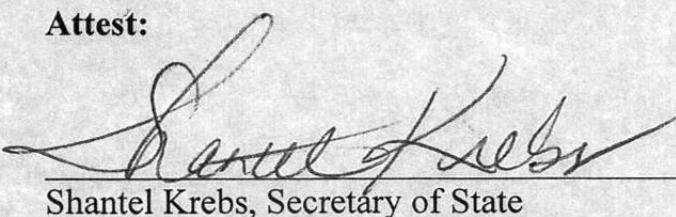
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State